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NEW DECORATIONS AND MEDALS CREATED IN HUNGARY

During its session of 18 March 1953, the National Assembly passed a law creating new decorations and medals. Under the new law, there are two sets of decorations: military and civilian. The decorations given formerly will be discontinued, although persons who have the old decorations may still wear them. Some of the decorations will be given automatically to individuals who have satisfactorily completed a stated period of service in mining, metallurgy, railroad work, the army, the AVH (State Security Authority), the police, etc. Other decorations will go to those who have achieved outstanding results in the service of the state and the socialist way of life.

Decorations for civilians are as follows:

- 1. Order of Merit of the Hungarian People's Republic
- 2. Red Banner Order of Merit of Labor
- 3. Order of Merit of Labor
- 4. Medal of Merit "For Socialist Labor"
- 5. Medal of Merit of Labor

Decorations for military personnel are as follows:

- 1. Order of Merit of the Hungarian People's Republic
- 2. Red Banner Order of Merit
- 3. Red Star Order of Merit
- 4. Medal of Merit "For Outstanding Service"
- 5. Medal of Merit for Service

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The title, "Hero of Socialist Labor," which is given in connection with the Order of Merit of the Hungarian People's Republic, will be awarded to persons who have achieved outstanding results in their field of work.

The Order of Merit of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Red Banner Order of Merit of Work may be awarded to institutions and enterprises, as well as to individuals; the military decorations may be awarded to entire units of the armed forces and to institutes and academies, as well as to individuals.

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